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## Welcome message from the Year 4 Team 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling as excited as we are for this new chapter. The Year 4 team is ready and waiting to ensure that the school year ahead is filled with creativity, productivity and many new challenges for the children to tackle and learn from. In the summer term, the children will complete a multiplication check, therefore, we will be working hard throughout the year to ensure they are confident in their times tables up to 12.

Year 4 is an exciting year for the children and we are looking forward to taking them to Kilve Court for their Year 4 residential in April. We are equally looking forward to meeting and working in collaboration with each of you. We hope that you are also able to enjoy the approaches to learning that Year 4 encompasses and join us in celebrating the children's many accomplishments along the way.

On Thursday 18th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

### Term 1 Learning

We kickstart the year with our topic 'Antarctica' where we will explore the different climate of the most southerly point on Earth, as well as looking at the different wildlife found on the continent. In Guided Reading, we expand our knowledge of Antarctica by exploring *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill.

Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum and what we will be learning in each subject this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

Miss Wood and Mrs Vu

### English

We begin by producing some creative writing based on *Lost and Found* by







### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about Place Value. We will be using

| 8 x         |
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| 8 x 1 = 8   |
| 8 x 2 = 16  |
| 8 x 3 = 24  |
| 8 x 4 = 32  |
| 8 x 5 = 40  |
| 8 x 6 = 48  |
| 8 x 7 = 56  |
| 8 x 8 = 64  |
| 8 x 9 = 72  |
| 8 x 10 = 80 |
| 8 x 11 = 88 |
| 8 x 12 = 96 |

### Science

This half term, we will be looking at the states of matter.

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| <p>Oliver Jeffers before moving on to writing our very own fables inspired by Aesop. We then move to some non-fiction writing to produce a newspaper report inspired by <i>The Whale</i> by Ethan and Vita Murrow before concluding with a letter written to the government about protecting Antarctica against climate change.</p>                        | <p>numbers up to hundreds to estimate numbers on a number line, round up or down, compare numbers and order numbers.</p> <p>We will also be practicing our times tables starting with a recall of times tables from year 3.</p>   | <p><b>Three States of Matter</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>Our geography topic this term is 'Antarctica'. We will be looking at the different landscapes and climate of the polar region.</p>    | <p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In computing this term, Year 4 will be learning all about computer systems and networks with a focus on the internet.</p>  | <p><b>DT</b></p> <p>In DT we will be using our cookery room to bake biscuits! Our unit is based on cooking and nutrition. We will be sampling biscuits, testing and adapting a recipe. We will also be looking at packaging and designing our own packaging.</p>  |
| <p><b>RE</b></p> <p>Our RE learning this term will focus on the special relationship between Jews and God. The children will explore some of the ways Jewish people express their special relationship with God and start to understand how that might feel. We will look at agreements and contracts and discuss how we would feel if one was broken.</p> | <p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE this term, Ignite Sport will be completing a tag rugby unit. Maple class will also be completing ball skills on a Friday.</p> <p><b>Music</b></p> <p>This term we will be looking at the unit 'words, words, words' where we will be exploring the inter-related dimensions of music.</p> | <p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>Our Jigsaw piece this term is 'Being Me In My World'. We will be learning about ourselves as individuals, as well as how we fit into our wider community.</p>    |

### Home Learning:

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help!

Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Reading: We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

### PE:

Both classes have PE on a Wednesday.  
Maple Class will also have PE on a Friday.

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

### Forest School:

Oak Class will have Forest School on a Friday.

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Miss Wood and Mrs Vu  
*Year 4 class teachers*